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## REPLY AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(b)

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of November 3, 2004, the time for response being extended by three (3) months, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512, up to and including May 3, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The Abstract has been amended and provided on a separate sheet (see attachment following page 17 of the paper).

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